
Herpetofauna of a forgotten mountain: Gunung Murud, Sarawak, northern Borneo

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The results of an inventory of the herpetofauna of Gunung Murud (elevation 2,423 m ASL), Sarawak, Malaysia (northern Borneo), conducted during expeditions to the mountain between 2000-2004 are presented. The first collection on this mountain was made in 1922 by Eric Georg Mjoberg (1882—1938), Curator of the Sarawak Museum, during a general reconnaissance-mountaineering expedition. In total, 11 species of reptiles and 20 species of amphibians are now known, the fauna of the massif generally similar to that of Gunung Kinabalu, as the discovery of some cooccurring species (e.g., *Leptobrachium montanum*, *Meristogenys whiteheadi*, *Philautus petersi*, *Rhacophorus angulirostris*, *Rhacophorus baluensis*, *Cyrtodactylus baluensis*, *Brachymeles apus*, *Stollczkia bomeensis*, *Amphiesma saravacense* and *Rhabdophis murudensis*) reveals. However, it also shows significant endemism (including a new species of *Megophrys*, two species of *Philautus*, a new species of *Polypedates*, *Gonocephalus mjobergi*, *Phoxophrys spiniceps*, *Sphenomorphus murudensis*, *Sphenomorphus* new species and *Calamaria hillenbrandi*), both at the middle elevations (1,500 m ASL), as well as within montane limits (> 2,000 m ASL), thus supporting the plea for enhanced protection of Murud for its unique herpetological diversity.